

Peak Hill Central School

Newsletter

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Celebrating 125 Years of Public Education

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From The Principal's Desk



3 September

Where has Term 3 gone? It seems difficult to believe that only two weeks remain. At the end of this term Year 12 classes officially finish as they move into the study period before the HSC commences in October. Next Friday they attend the Western Access Graduation in Dubbo and we are delighted that we have the **Dux of WAP** for the third Year in a row. Congratulations to **Amy Hart** who is now studying at university. We are very proud of your achievements Amy. Our best wishers are also extended to our class of 2014 as they complete their final weeks of school and prepare for their examinations.

The **Industrial Technology** markers were here last week and the quality of the projects were a credit to the students. My thanks are extended to Mr Peter who supported the students throughout this intense period.



Well done to **Malachi Dart** who last week competed at the **Western Region Athletics Carnival**. Malachi was placed third in Shot Put which qualifies for him to proceed to state level. This is an outstanding achievement and we wish Malachi every success when he competes at the NSW competition.



Congratulations to Year 6 student, **Goran Milinkovic** who will attend a State presentation of the Fred Hollows Foundation, at Parliament House on Monday 7 September. The organisation aims to recognise students who show:

■ **Humanity** – The quality of what it means to be human, to be kind.

Diary Dates

September	Friday 11	WAP Presentation Night Dubbo
	Monday 14	Commendation Assembly 10 a.m.
	Friday 18	Last Day of Term 3
October	Tuesday 6	First Day of Term 4
November	Thursday 5	Yr 12 Banquet

■ **Care** – To be concerned for and look out for someone other than yourself.

■ **Compassion** – To be conscious of and respond to the needs and concerns of another person.

■ **Community service** – To engage in an activity solely for the benefit of the community

Goran will receive his award from the NSW Premier, Mr Mike Baird. Well done Goran, on a well-deserved recognition of the contributions you make to the school community.

Last week we celebrated **Book Week** which had as its theme this year "Books light up our world". The assembly and parade were held in the library and many parents and community members joined in the fun. It was hard work maintaining the character of Miss Trunchball, the bully headmistress from Roald Dahl's book "Matilda". The students quite enjoyed Mrs Payne being flung into the stratosphere until they realised that Miss Trunchball had replaced book week activities with a test! My thanks to Mr Karel Giffen for taking on the character of the down trodden Nigel and Taliah Read for being my good speller! It was all good fun. As one young student said later in the day they were glad "that horrible principal was gone!" Thank you to Ms Rachel Heywood and Ms Sarah Browning for their organisation and promotion of reading.

Congratulations to all the students and staff for their contribution to the **Peak Hill Show** which was a great success. It is always an event which brings our community together, allowing our students to show what they can do! They make outstanding stewards and assist the society in every way possible. Well done to Year 11 student Molly Wright who was sashed as **Miss Teenage Showgirl** and Talecia Dart also from Year 11 who was the runner up. The P&C barbeque was well supported and a huge thank you is extended to everyone who helped out!

Principal
Mrs Paula Payne

Head Teacher Admin
Mr Paul Champion

Head Teacher Well Being
Mr Jeremy Whiterod

Head Teacher T&L
Mrs Rachel Cody

Administration Manager
Mrs Tanya Stanford

Aboriginal Education Officer
Mrs Vicki Sharah

Assistant Principal Primary
Miss Rachel Heywood
Miss Sarah Browning

Head Teacher of WAP
Ms Crystal Williams

In School Access Coordinator
Ms Crystal Williams


P & C 2014 President
Mrs Donna Kopp

Vice President
Mr Matthew Sharah

Secretary
Mrs Cathy Goodwin

Treasurer
Ms Kim Dern

Teacher of the Fortnight




Mr James Peter

For: His commitment and dedication to senior students in completing their major work.

Thank You

P B L WINNERS - Week 7



- Emily Pearson
- Chelsea Boneham
- Molly Wright

Students of the Week

Kinder	-	Lillianna Bendeich
Stage 1	-	Maddison Powell
Stage 2	-	Mason Leedham
Stage 3	-	Jada Read
Year 7	-	Ceejay Bendeich (a)
Year 8	-	Marissa Robinson (a)
Year 9	-	Codie Reid (a)
Year 10	-	Cody Greenwood (a)
Year 11	-	Wes Sharkey (a)
Year 12	-	Clayton Hartin (a)

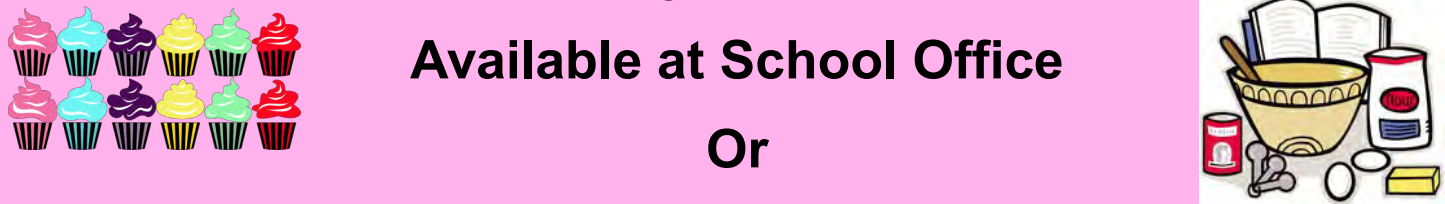
School Fundraiser - Cook Books

Only \$4 each

Available at School Office

Or

Peak Hill Post Office



Principal's Report continued:

Last week we took delivery of our **school bus**. It is a 12 seater which will make transporting students to events much more affordable and accessible. The cost of hiring a bus and driver had reached the point where even an excursion to Dubbo had to be heavily subsidised by the school. The P&C has offered to raise the ongoing annual expenses such as registration and insurance for us with students contributing to fuel. Under the insurance policy drivers will need to be registered and it is not for hire. Mrs Rachel Cody took it on its inaugural trip yesterday when Year 9 visited Charles Sturt University for their Future Directions workshops as part of the Future Moves Program.

Our students, Abbey Reid, Nakarli Harrison and Kasey Kilby certainly made a positive impression when they represented the school at the **Lachlan Network SC Leadership forum**. During the day the students planned a Leadership Camp to be held at Burrendong Dam in Term 4. It will be organised and facilitated by students and is a great opportunity to promote and develop youth advocacy. The Peak Hill students were quite pleased when their suggestion, "All Aboard: Leadership" was selected as the camp theme. The program will include guest speakers, workshops and activities selected and facilitated by students. Ten students from Peak Hill Central School will be invited to attend with our Year 11 Student Leaders running workshops. Well Done girls for being great ambassadors for our school.

Despite the weather the **Athletics carnival** is going ahead today although the day may well conclude with tabloid sports this afternoon under the COLA. Thank you to sports organiser, Mr Wade Richardson and his team for the organisation of this event.

This will be my last column for a couple of weeks as I am taking some Long Service Leave to travel. While I am away Mr Paul Champion will be relieving as principal supported by the executive team.

Thank you to the students, staff and school community in anticipation of a successful conclusion to what has been a wonderful term of student participation and learning.

Mrs Paula Payne
Principal

“quoted”

To get away from one's
working environment is in a
sense,
to get away from one's self
and this is often the
advantage of travel and change

Charles Horton Cooley

P & C Report

Well we've all survived- the show that is! Once again the P&C crew manned the kiosk at last Wednesday's Peak Hill Show with great success. Final figures are to be tallied but approximately \$1000 was raised. A fantastic effort and huge thanks must go to the parents that helped out and to all the teachers that volunteered their time. A big thanks to Mr Payne who kept the bbq ticking over with the help of Brendan Read until Mr Champion finished off the day and to Mr Kibble and Alistar who got us off to a good start.

This years funds will be going towards the on road costs of the new school bus. This is an exciting addition to our school that the P&C are proud to be helping with. We have agreed to cover the on road costs for the bus and as such fundraising will become more important. For this reason WE NEED YOU!! Your children are going to benefit greatly from having a dedicated school bus- help us to help your children by getting involved with P&C. We meet once a month (second Thursday) at 5.30pm in the top office meeting room. If you have any fundraising ideas we would love to hear them- fresh faces always welcome.

Next meeting is next week

Thursday 10 September 5.30 p.m.

Mrs Cathy Goodwin—Secretary

Stage 1

Last Friday Years 1 and 2 went to the Ag Plot with Mr McAlister.

Students have been studying the parts of a plant and this week's focus was the potato plant. They learnt about what country potatoes originated from, the Inca people who grew them and its stages of growth.

Mr McAlister had kindly prepared a camp oven full of roasting potatoes for Stage 1 to eat.

Other fresh green produce was picked to accompany the potatoes as well as fried tomato and eggs.



I would like to thank Mr McAlister for his preparation and hard work and also Mr Terry Robinson, Mrs Vicki Sharah and Mrs Debbie Barnes who accompanied Stage 1 over to the Ag Plot to help.

Miss Grace Stewart
Stage 1 Classroom Teacher



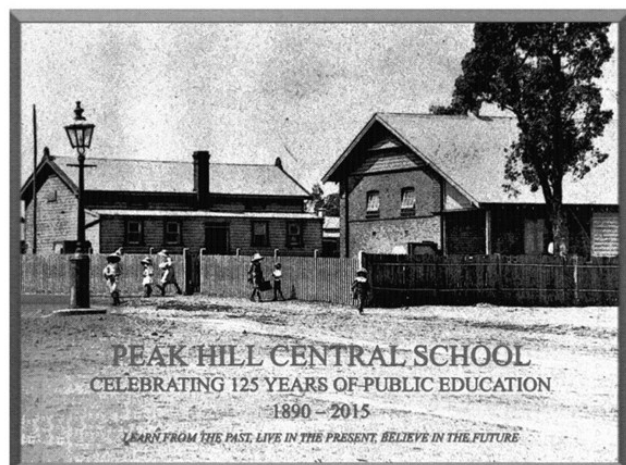
School Tea Towels

The school is selling unique tea-towels!

There are two designs. One is made up of drawings by all our students and staff at PHCS. The drawings are arranged into one commemorative design and screen printed in navy blue onto high quality white tea towels.

The other is the design used for our plaque to celebrate 125yrs of public education at PHCS. Which is screen printed in black onto high quality white tea towels.

The tea-towels will be sold for \$10 each at the top office.



Miss Grace Stewart



Future Moves

This week, students in **Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2** had an extra special combined Future Moves lesson, Investigating a range of careers. To start with, students sat in a circle and had to each name a different career- the challenge was making sure that a career that had already been said was not repeated. Students were very successful at this task with over 20 different careers identified, and more ready to be suggested.

Students then completed a literacy based task which involved identifying and then searching for careers. Students completed this task well, demonstrating a range of skills important for developing and maintaining positive relationships, such as communication and team work. These skills were further developed through a free-play puppetry experience, with students playing with a range of worker puppets. This allowed students to demonstrate an understanding of the roles undertaken in different careers, as well as practising positive social skills and interactions with their peers.



On Wednesday, students in **Year 9** attended the *Future Directions Day* at CSU Dubbo. Students had the choice of two workshops from seven options including Media,

Wiradjuri Language, Nursing, Social Work and Education. More details and photos from this excursion will be provided in the next newsletter.

Students in **Year 7 and 8** had class time last week to work on their Board Game assessment task. All students should be well underway in terms of the development of this task, which is due on Friday 11 September (next week).

Students in need of extra assistance are welcome to organise a time with me at recess or lunch to work on this task.

Mrs Rachel Cody
Future Moves Coordinator

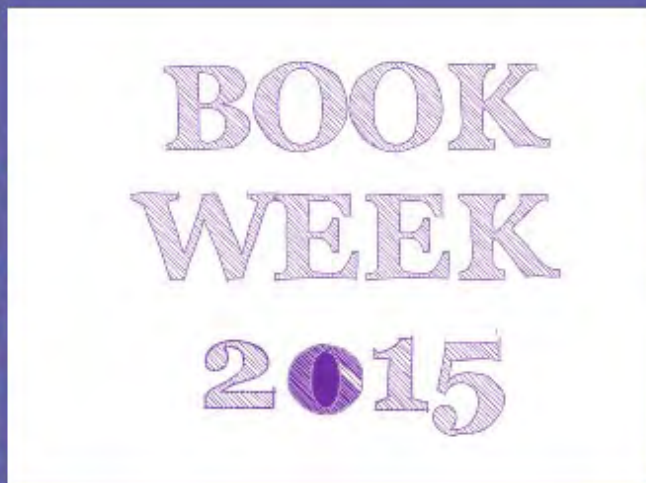


Book Week Celebrations

On Friday 21 August students from K-12 and staff dressed up to celebrate our love for books. There were some amazing costumes, best dressed for the day went to Sebastien Leonard, Bella & Zac Read, Jada Redpath, Jada Read. Thank you to everyone who purchased from the Book Fair total sales were \$488.

The day was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Miss Sarah Browning
Assistant Principal



Kick Start Kindy

Each Monday between 9:30-10:30am we are running a Kick Start Kindergarten program. This program enables pre Kindy students an opportunity to build relationships with staff members and make new friends, build on fine

motor skills, literacy and numeracy skills. Below are some photos of students enjoying the program. If your child is ready for school next year, please contact Sarah Browning at the school.

Miss Sarah Browning Assistant Principal



Kick Start Kindergarten– Father Day Gifts



Drama Spotlight

Stage 1 Drama are currently working on rehearsing poems they wrote themselves for our Commendation Assembly at the end of the term. Students had the opportunity to work individually or in groups and were each given a native animal to write an acrostic poem about. I am incredibly impressed with the quality of their poems, especially when I consider that these were written by students in Year 1 and 2! I have featured a few with this article.

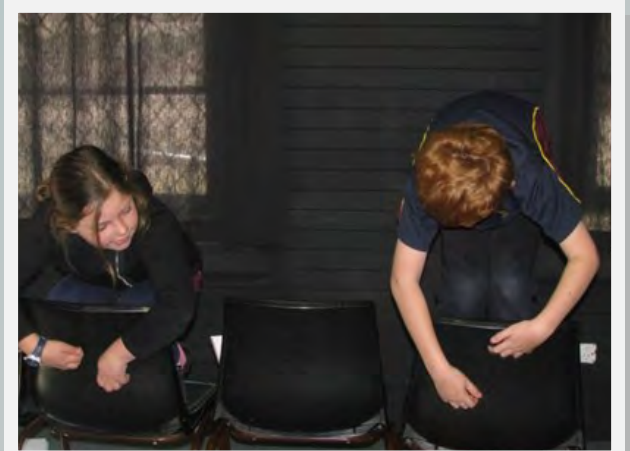
Emus have long necks
Male emus look after the eggs
Us we run fast
Sticking our long necks to have a look
 -By Dhakota Hando and India Sant

Watch out for us at night
Or we might scratch you with our claws
Mighty claws.
Burrows are where we live
Awake at night.
Teeth are sharp, we might bite.
 -By Maddison Powell and Isabella Read

Platypus are native animals
Little babies are so small
And we build our burrows in the riverbank.
They like water.
You are lucky to see a platypus in the wild because
Platypus are really shy.
Underwater swimmers
Some people don't see them because they hide in their burrows.
 -By Sam Burke

This week students began rehearsing their poems having finished writing them last week. Many students are keen to perform their work for an audience. The accompanying photos show students workshopping their poems as part of the rehearsal process.

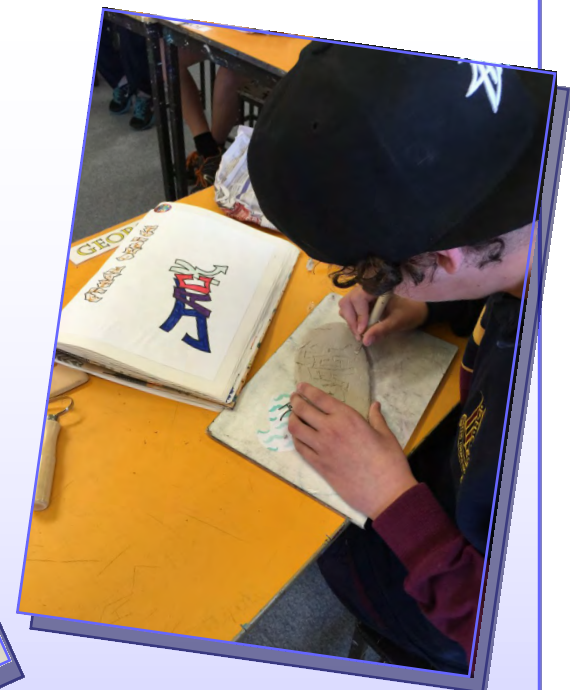
Mrs Rachel Cody - Drama Teacher



Year 7 and 8 Visual Arts

This term during Visual Arts Year 7 and 8 are enjoying a unit entitled "Exploring Graffiti Through Sculpture". During this unit students study graffiti artists and how they portray different meaning in their artworks. As part of their assessment task, students are required to create their own graffiti plaque out of clay. Through this task students demonstrate their knowledge of the artistic elements and how they can be used to make a statement, as well as a developing understanding of the skills required to work effectively with clay.

Miss Rachel Heywood



K/1 Writes about the show!

The Peak Hill Show

At the show I
went on the
dodgem cars I
did a donut had
ice cream also went
on the jumping castle



Excellent

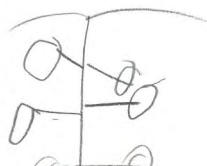
✓ RH 29/8

Sebastian

The Peak Hill Show

Taliyah.

I went to the show
and I went on the
cha cha I went on
the jumping castle
and saw Bailey.



TERRIFIC

✓ RH 29/8

The Peak Hill Show

I went on the
dodgem cars I
ran into Bailey.



EXCELLENT

✓ RH 29/8

The Peak Hill Show

I went to the show and
I saw Shamelle tele
went on the slide and I
laughed at Shamelle and
she laughed at me too
I went on the dodgem cars.
my brother crashed into me.



Lilliana

TERRIFIC

✓ RH 29/8



Peak Hill Central School on Display at the Show!

Reminder - Any unclaimed
prizes from the show
pavilion can be collected
from the Post Office



Community Noticeboard

IMPACT

#bethechange

1 Timothy 4:12-14

IMPACT is the newest youth group which is about to start up in Peak Hill!!!

Girls and boys between year 7-10

Starting Friday 4 September—7.30 p.m.—9.30 p.m. at Koinonia Hall

Our first night will be a sausage sizzle, drinks, and a movie—LETS GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER

FIND US ON FACEBOOK

Westlink Church Children's Ministry Fundraiser



When: Saturday 3rd October 2015

9am to 2pm

Where: Westlink Church

119 Caswell Street



BBQ & Drinks

Community Noticeboard



Just a reminder that the 4th annual Dubbo Stampede is less than 2 weeks away. **Sunday 6 September** is the day! It will be a wonderful opportunity for families to enjoy a morning together in what we hope will be sunshine. We suggest the 5.5km Dingo Dash is a good one to run or walk together. Registrations close Thursday September 3, so if you have not registered make sure you visit www.dubbostampede.com.au to do so. Remember the **Schools' Challenge** when registering and nominate your child's school. Great prizes are up for grabs. The website is full of information and answers to questions.

I look forward to seeing you out there.

Sarah Strahorn (Schools' Challenge Coordinator)

Parkes Little Athletics

Registration Dates

Monday 14th of September 5pm - 7pm

Saturday 10th of October 10am - 1pm

at Northparkes Oval or register online at

www.lansw.com.au

Contact Kellie 0458530381



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- Meals
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- Instructor led activities
- Meals
- Accommodation
- Use of all facilities i.e. BBQ area, pool, tennis courts etc.

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Parkes Motor Registry is being refurbished from 5pm Friday 18 September

It will reopen in early November
as a Service NSW service centre.



During the refurbishment, you can complete your transactions by visiting:

- **Forbes Motor Registry**
Cnr Farrand and Union Streets, Forbes
Open: Monday to Friday 9am to 4pm
- **Orange Service Centre**
122 - 124 Kite Street, Orange
Open: Monday to Friday 7am to 7pm
Saturday 8:30am to 3pm
- **Dubbo Service Centre**
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Saturday 8:30am to 3pm

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Find us on:      

Peak Hill Showgirl Competition

Staff and students at Peak Hill Central School are proud to extend their congratulations to Year 11 student Molly Wright who was crowned Miss Teenager at Peak Hill Show last week. We would also like to congratulate Taleica Dart on runner-up Miss Teenager and ex PHCS students Amy O'Leary and Mikaela Dart who received Showgirl and Runner-up showgirl titles respectively. Well done on this fantastic achievement - we are sure you will do us proud. Thank you to the Peak Hill PA&H association & their helpers for continuing to run this competition - it is a valuable experience for our girls and a great personal development opportunity.



LIDDY AT THE SHOW

This year the Peak Hill Community once again enjoyed the company of their very own reading lady-bug, Liddy! She spent her time at the show meeting locals, young and old and encouraging everyone to read. She was heard telling many young babies that if their parents read to them from birth, it will have a significant cognitive impact on their vocabulary, writing and reading skills throughout life. Liddy would like to see all Peak Hill families reading to their children each day to set them up for success!

Pictured is Liddy having a great day at the show!

